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FLOODING UPDATE

Acadia, St. Landry and St. Martin Parishes Declare State of Emergency

Baton Rouge, LA (March 12, 2012) – This afternoon, Acadia, St. Landry and St. Martin parishes joined Lafayette Parish in declaring a State of Emergency as the result of today's flash flooding.

The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness' (GOHSEP's) Crisis Action Team (CAT) continues to monitor and GOHSEP continues to assist impacted parishes.

STATE AGENCY FLOOD RESPONSE UPDATES:

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF)

- Rescued 77 citizens from flooded areas in Carencro
- Providing 13 flat bottom and shallow water boats, 18 4-wheel drive vehicles and 18 agents who are working with local first responder agencies in search and rescue efforts.

Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD)

- More than 40 DOTD staff members, 15 trucks, 69 barricades and 14 high water signs are responding to storm related work in the affected areas. Due to flooding, high water signage is being deployed and roads are being closed and opened as necessary. Fallen trees and debris are being removed from roadways.
- Open Roads
 - I-49 southbound and northbound from US 190 to I-10
 - LA 347 (Grand Point Rd.) in St. Martin Parish and in Breaux Bridge from the city limits heading north to Doyle Melancon
 - LA 347 in St. Martin Parish north of I-10 to the Webster Meat Market
- Closures in Place:
 - La 93 in Lafayette and St. Landry Parish
 - La 182 (University Ave.) in Lafayette Parish is closed north of Pont des Mouton to LA 358
 - La 98 (Gloria Switch Rd.) in Lafayette Parish from I-49 West to Mill St.
- Motorists can get the latest updates on real-time traffic and road conditions by using the 511 Traveler Information System simply by dialing 511 from their telephone and saying the route or region about which they are seeking information. Travelers can also access this

information by visiting the 511 Traveler Information Website at www.511la.org.

For more information on safety tips, go to www.getagameplan.org.

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